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| **Rule for Comma Use…** | **Example Sentence (Add in the Commas)** |
| 1. When separating phrases that don’t | My pug **Morton** is lazy. |
| 2. When linking two independent clauses with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | I’d like to go to six flags **but** it’s my day  to clean the bathroom. |
| 3. When you’re addressing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in particular. | Let’s eat **Grandma!** |
| 4. When making a  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Schmoop’s role models are their **parents William Shakespeare and Toni Morrison.** |
| 5. When you have more than one  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ modifying a noun. | That is a **brilliant hilarious** movie. |
| 6. After \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  phrases or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  without a conjunction. | Once we’re done with this example  **we’ll move to the next one.** |

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| **When we don’t use commas** | **Example of the wrong way…** |
| 1. When you want to add in a random \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. | How, are you doing, today? |
| 2. Separating two  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ clauses without a  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. | I went to the store, I wanted  to buy a beautiful shirt with a  picture of a comma on it. |
| 3. After a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. | I want to go on Saturday but, I  am busy. |
| 4. When separating a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and an  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ clause with a conjunction. | We ran to the kitchen, and ate  all the cookies. |

**Conjunctions:**

* Connects \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and words in a sentence.
* Easy example of some common conjunctions: **FANBOYS**
  + **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**